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1. STATE PUBLICATIONS "GIST" NO 98 AND "FOREIGN POLICY OUTLINE" SERIES NO. 29, BOTH ISSUED IN AUGUST, PROVIDED BASIC UNCLASSIFIED RUNDOWN ON TTPI, INCLUDING SUMMATION FUTURE POLITICAL STATUS QUESTION. NEXT ROUND OF STATUS TALKS WITH MARIANA ISLANDS DISTRICT ON COMMONWEALTH STATUS FOR THAT DISTRICT SCHEDULED COMMENCE DECEMBER 6 ON SAIPAN. FREE ASSOCIATION NEGOTIATIONS WITH OTHER FIVE DISTRICTS CURRENTLY TAKING PLACE IN WASHINGTON. YOU MAY WISH STRESS THAT MICRONESIAN FREE ASSOCIATION CONCEPT PATTERNED ON COOK ISLANDS RELATIONSHIP TO NEW ZEALAND. (KEY ISSUE AT MOMENT IS LEVEL OF US FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOLLOWING TERMINATION OF TRUSTEESHIP.)

2. IN DISCUSSING US ROLE IN PACIFIC, SUGGEST YOU GIVE SOME EMPHASIS TO FACT WE ENCOURAGE GUAM, AMERICAN SAMOA AND TTPI PLAY EXPANDED ROLE IN REGIONAL AFFAIRS,
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ESPECIALLY THROUGH SPC. REGARDING LATTER, ACTIVE US

SUPPORT FOR STRENGTHENING OF THAT BODY THROUGH ADOPTION
SERIES OF CHANGES SOUGHT BY GOA, GNZ AND ISLAND STATES
AT LAST SOUTH PACIFIC CONFERENCE ON GUAM CAN BE CITED AS
EVIDENCE IMPORTANCE US ATTACHES TO STRENGTHENING OF
REGIONAL COOPERATION AND INSTITUTIONS.
3. SEPTTEL WILL PROVIDE COMMENT ON AMERICAN SAMOA. KISSINGER

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